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(54) Hybrid disc and method for discriminating same

(57) A DVD playback apparatus accurately discriminates a hybrid disc, to prevent a recordable CD installed therein from being damaged by a laser beam for DVD/MMCD. The hybrid disc includes a label printed surface formed on a substrate, a CD recording surface formed below the label printed surface, having identification information expressing the disc type, and a DVD recording surface formed below the CD recording surface. The DVD playback apparatus irradiates a CD laser

beam on an optical disk installed therein. If data is readable from the optical disc, it is checked whether the identification information is recorded in the predetermined recording area. The DVD playback apparatus recognizes the optical disc as the hybrid disc, if the identification information is recorded in the predetermined recording area.

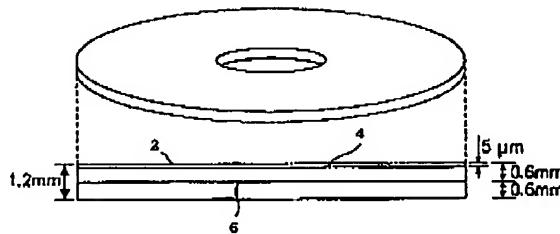


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